

# Interview Summary

Application No.

09/934,879

Applicant(s)

BEAN ET AL.

Examiner

Ba Huynh

Art Unit

2173

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ba Huynh.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Thomas M Croft.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 01 June 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-41.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A restriction requirement is proposed to Mr Croft to restrict the claims to two separate groups: group I comprising method claims 1-31 and group II comprising apparatus claims 32-41. Mr Croft traverses the restriction requirement and indicates that the apparatus claims are merely one to one mapping of the corresponding method claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

BA HUYNH  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's signature, if required